

February 5, 2003

**Federal Communications Commission
Commission Secretary, Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
445 12th Street SW
CY-B402
Washington, DC 20554**

Re: Proceeding 03-16

Dear Ms. Dortch,

We would like to support SBC's application for long distance services. They have been a quality provider of telephone communications in our area for many decades. We believe that they should have full opportunity to provide long distance services in addition to the many communication services that it already provides.

We pray that you will favorably consider their application.

Sincerely,

**Bishop Charles H. Ellis III
Senior Pastor**